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HYBRID CORN SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the hybrid corn seeds `Decalbo` supplied by Monsanto to farmers of Andhra Pradesh has failed to give higher yield than the conventional seeds, as has been published by the company;

(b) if so, the reasons for failure of the formulation; and

(c) the manner in which the Government proposes to compensate the farmers who have suffered losses as a result thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): It has been reported by Government of Andhra Pradesh that complaints were received about poor performance of Maize Hybrids DECALBO (pinnacle) from farmers of Mahbubnagar and Karimnagar Districts. The failure has occurred due to Non-synchronization of anthesis and pollination. The seed setting was poor and there was loss in yield. On the basis of reports of the teams of scientists compensation of Rs.16.16 lakh and Rs.13.5 lakh was paid to the farmers of Mahbubnagar and Karimnagar districts respectively.